



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

August 27, 2019

Austin R. Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request No. SBA-2019-000796 in which you have requested all communications between certain SBA officials and individuals in the Office of the Vice President. Specifically, the SBA officials include Todd Pauley, SBA's White House Liaison, and anyone communicating on behalf of those individuals. The individuals in the Office of the Vice President include Marc Short, Nick Ayers, Jarrod Agen, Marty Obst, Sarah Makin, and Andeliz Castillo.

SBA has performed a search of its records and is releasing the attached documents in response. Redactions have been made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 which protects information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The redacted information consists of cell phone numbers that are not publicly available.

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Sincerely,

Eric S. Benderson 4017

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Associate General Counsel for Litigation
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U.S. Small Business Administration

From: [Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP](#)
To: [Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [Gray, Christopher S.](#)
Subject: RE: SBA Contact
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:04:07 PM

Thank you!

From: Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 12:59 PM
To: Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP <Sarah.E.Makin@ovp.eop.gov>
Cc: Gray, Christopher S. <Christopher.Gray@sba.gov>
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From: Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP <Sarah.E.Makin@ovp.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 12:48 PM
To: Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO <Ashley.D.Mocarski@who.eop.gov>
Subject: Fwd: SBA Contact

Ashley - any chance you can pass along a good SBA contact? Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP" <Sarah.E.Makin@ovp.eop.gov>
Date: February 20, 2019 at 4:54:30 PM EST
To: "Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO" <Ashley.D.Mocarski@who.eop.gov>
Subject: SBA Contact

Ashley,

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*Sarah E. Makin-Acciani
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs, Vice President Mike Pence*

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To: [Mocarski, Ashley D. EOP/WHO](#); [Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP](#)
Subject: RE: SBA Contact
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:04:24 PM

Thanks Ashley!

Hi Sarah - Please use me as a contact and I am happy to connect to you to other staff if needed.

Chris

Christopher S. Gray

Senior Advisor | White House Liaison

Office of the Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
O: (202) 205-6335 | C: ([REDACTED])

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To: [Gray, Christopher S.](#)
Subject: Small Business Administration Trade Roundtable in AZ on 3/5
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:05:16 PM

Chris, when you have a minute, can you please give me a call? Thanks! [REDACTED]

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